

The Unleavened Bread

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

I. Introduction

II. The Unleavened Bread

1 Corinthians 5:1 (CSB)

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated among the Gentiles - a man is sleeping with his father's wife.

"You are not to violate the intimacy that belongs to your father and mother. She is your mother; you must not have sexual intercourse with her. You are not to have sex with your father's wife; she is your father's family." (Leviticus 18:7-8, CSB)

“If a man sleeps with his father’s wife, he has violated the intimacy that belongs to his father. Both of them must be put to death; their death is their own fault.” (Leviticus 20:11, CSB)

“It is illegal to marry a father’s or mother’s sister; neither can I marry her who has been at one time my mother-in-law or stepmother.” (Gaius, *Institutes,* 1:63; Eng. ed., J. Muirhead)

“Mother-in-law marries son-in-law … Oh, to think of the woman’s sin, unbelievable, unheard of …” (Cicero, *Pro Cluentio* 5.27; rpt. *Speeches,* Loeb Library)

1 Corinthians 5:2 (CSB)

2 And you are arrogant! Shouldn’t you be filled with grief and remove from your congregation in the one who did this?

1 Corinthians 5:3-5 (CSB)

3 Even though I am absent in the body, I am

present in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who has been doing such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 (CSB)

6 Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:8 (CSB)

8 Therefore, let us observe the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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